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For: **METHOD OF ESTIMATING ELIMINATION  
OF MICROORGANISMS AND APPARATUS  
FOR ESTIMATING ELIMINATION OF  
MICROORGANISMS**

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Madam:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated December 4, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks